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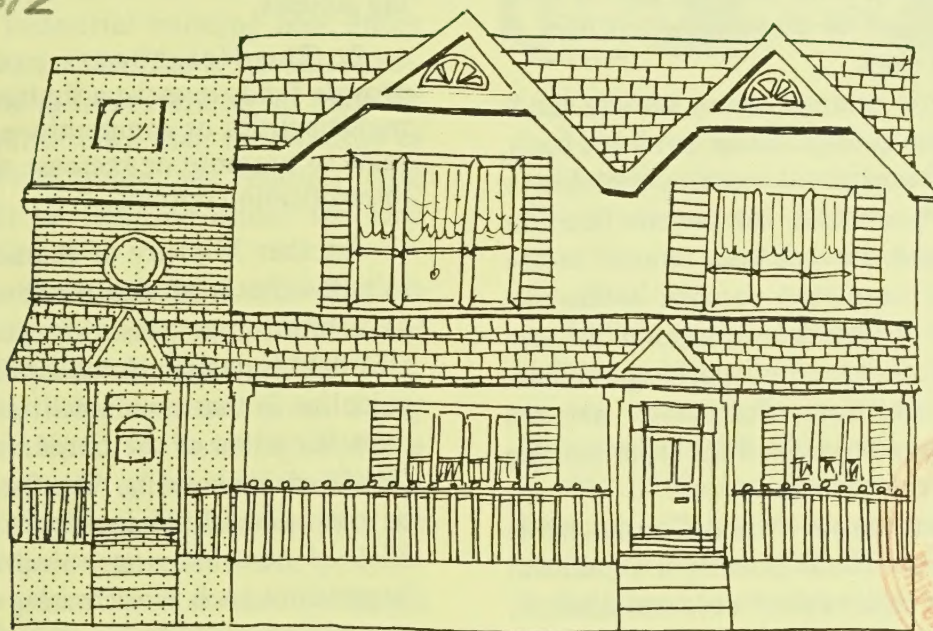
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PLANNING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In support of the government's Housing First initiatives the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is participating in a comprehensive review of current practices and procedures affecting the supply of affordable housing.

Factors within the land use planning system which have some impact on a municipality's ability to ensure that all people have housing include: the length of time taken for planning approvals, official plan and zoning bylaw requirements, competing land use objectives, land availability, and various development approval practices.

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With municipal cooperation and input, this Ministry is hoping to address these issues in a positive and constructive manner.

Specific efforts are currently being made in the area of Residential Intensification. Examples of intensification are various forms of home sharing, the creation of additional dwelling space within an existing home (basement or upper floor apartment), adding to a single family home to create an additional unit, infill housing, granny flats, and conversion of non-residential uses to residential uses.

Currently intensification activity tends to take place quietly and on an ad hoc basis, if at all. Many municipalities prohibit or limit the potential for intensification through land use controls related to the number of unrelated persons within the definition of 'family', minimum lot and dwelling unit sizes and parking requirements. In addition, community concerns often prevent municipalities from making changes to current restrictions.

Since residential intensification in its various forms could provide a significant amount of affordable accommodation, efforts are being made to encourage municipalities to support intensification as part of local housing policy. The following steps are being taken within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs:

1. The Community Planning Grant program (Community Planning Advisory Branch) has been enhanced specifically to support municipalities in their efforts to review their land use planning policies and programs with the intention of providing for residential intensification.

2. Ministry PRIDE funding will be available to municipalities for infrastructure and local community improvements identified as being necessary to implement the results of the local intensification studies.

3. The Ministry is preparing planning guidelines to demonstrate how to achieve residential intensification.

The Ministry of Housing has introduced a number of complementary initiatives to encourage residential intensification:

1. The Municipal Housing Statement program has been enriched to encourage municipalities to identify opportunities for housing intensification in their local housing policies.

2. The Neighbours program will provide funds to assist a limited number of municipalities or community agencies who want to promote or increase awareness of intensification options.

Another Ministry of Municipal Affairs initiative that is imminent is the preparation of a municipal planning guideline on affordable housing. A basic premise of this guideline is that municipalities will accept their fair share of the burden of providing for affordable housing. The first step would be to strive to achieve the objective of at least 25% of new housing being affordable. Suggestions such as increasing the proportion of higher density housing, fast-tracking development applications proposing affordable housing and adoption of alternative development standards will likely be included in this guideline.

In order to meet the common objective of providing for more affordable housing in this Province, the cooperative efforts of the public sector, the private sector and all government levels is imperative.

Please direct your comments or inquiries on these initiatives to: Pearl Grundland, Senior Planner, Office of Local Planning Policy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 13th Floor, 777 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5. (416) 585-6233.

Day Care Centre in Industrial Building

In his **Planning and Development Hotline** for October 26, 1987, Alan Demb reports that Pedi-Kare Ltd. has applied for rezoning and site plan approval to permit a 148-child day care centre operation in the innermost (furthest from street) unit of a multi-unit industrial building now under construction in the Town of Markham. Fifteen parking spaces will be set aside for the centre, five more than the Ministry of Social Services guidelines require. The facility will be licensed under the Day Nurseries Act.

This Markham item fits in with what was reported in the September 30, 1987 issue of the U.S. publication **Urban Outlook**:

"To meet what appears to be heavy demand, developers are installing child care facilities in new office and industrial projects. In Secaucus, NJ, developers of the Harmon Meadows mixed-use project donated an acre of land, and are building a \$700,000, 10,000 square foot structure for day care. It will be run by a church consortium which will rent the space for a purely nominal \$1.00 a year. The group will charge from \$85 to \$130 a week, and serve 200 kids. At Carnegie Center, in West Windsor, NJ, developers of a large office complex put \$1 million into a child care facility run by the non-profit Family Resources Center. Parents pay from \$439 to \$508 per month.

At Princeton Forestal Village, a mixed-use project, the developer plans a 12,900 square foot center for 235 children, which will be operated by a local school group. And, the developer of Hamilton Square is planning to build a \$2.6 million child care center.



The developers see this as a solid, business-like move that gives them a real plus in competitive markets. It also gives some families a child care resource, if they can afford it."

The changing nature of the labour force and family unit helps to explain these trends in day care in Canada and the U.S. Unpublished Canada Census data show that in 1984, 57% of women were in the labour force; in 1960 the female participation rate was only 31%. In 1984, 69% of the women in the labour force were single, divorced or widowed with children under 16 years old.

A survey conducted by the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto and the City of York's Board of Education revealed characteristics of today's urban families. The survey sample consisted of the families of grade 3 and 4 children in the York school system:

- 19% of the families were headed by a single parent;
- 20% had a breadwinning father and a homemaking mother;
- the majority were two-income families with both parents working full time.

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
APPEAL DISMISSED WITHOUT A FULL
HEARING**

Following a series of public meetings, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville managed to negotiate the withdrawal of all objections to its new comprehensive zoning by-law, except those of one individual, whose appeal referred to a wide range of objections. The Town asked the municipal board to dispense with a public hearing and dismiss the appeal, pursuant to Section 34(26) of the Planning Act.

The notice of appeal included claims that the by-law was premature and did not receive full public input. The appellant alleged that a number of basic issues should have been addressed in an official plan context prior to the adoption of a new comprehensive by-law.

The Board noted that the conformity of the by-law with the existing official plan approved in 1982, was not in question. Most of the objector's concerns related to official plan policies, which were not now before the Board. He wished to see scenic views protected from industrial and commercial development, fish protected from harmful water discharge in streams, water use at golf courses and unserviced industry monitored, new industry restricted to fully serviced areas, noise controlled by a noise by-law, brick manufacturing prohibited entirely, etc.

The Board was satisfied that the by-law had been publicized in accordance with the applicable legislation and regulations and that it was far from premature. On September 17, 1987, the Board granted the motion to dispense with a public hearing.

Source: Decision of the Ontario Municipal Board
File R870355

**LAND USES AROUND THUNDER BAY
AIRPORT**

Thunder Bay airport is adjacent to the urban service area of the city and the land uses around the airport have been an on-going issue for more than 10 years. Recently, a largely vacant parcel of land adjacent to the airport was the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing because the major land owner and Transport Canada objected to a residential designation.

The lands in question are long and narrow. They are sandwiched between the Trans Canada highway to the north and the airport grounds to the south. Noise levels from the highway exceed residential standards and aircraft noise would require that houses be acoustically insulated and ventilated.

Based upon a much earlier planning report, the City proposed highway commercial uses. However, this was changed to suburban residential under strong pressure from ratepayers north of the site.

Those giving evidence or opinions against residential uses included Transport Canada, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of the Environment, a real estate salesman, the head of the Thunder Bay Economic Development Corporation, the airport manager, and a planner from the City planning department who appeared under subpoena.

The Board was convinced that the combination of highway noise, ground noise from the airport and noise from aircraft movements made a residential use quite inappropriate. "Indeed, it does appear that OPA No. 9 was adopted for the sole reason that it expresses the will of those residents in the immediate area as opposed to the broader consideration..."

In a decision dated September 30, 1987 the Board did not approve the Amendment and suggested that limited highway commercial uses would be appropriate.

Source: Decision of the Ontario Municipal Board
Files R 860521 and O870035

Jack Riddell, the Agriculture and Food Minister has introduced new right to farm legislation. The proposed Farm Practices Protection Act protects farmers against nuisance lawsuits arising from the noise, odour or dust of normal farming practices, and thus promotes the view that agriculture is the primary land use within rural areas.

To address Ontario farmers' concerns that normal farm practices would increasingly result in court actions, the Ontario Right to Farm Advisory Committee was established in February, 1986. Public hearings were held across the province, and 280 presentations were received from farmers, rural residents and municipal groups. The Committee's report recommended enacting right to farm legislation. Through consultation with the Ministry of the Environment, the proposed legislation was developed to complement existing laws such as the Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Water Resources Act. Farmers will still be subject to land use control and environmental and health protection laws.

Staff of the Ministries of the Environment and Agriculture and Food will resolve most complaints, although under the new legislation a Farm Practices Protection Board will be established. When uncertainty arises as to whether a particular farm practice is normal, a complainant may apply to the board. The board will dismiss complaints resulting from normal farm practices, or when justified, will issue an order to rectify the problem.

Four other Canadian provinces and most of the states in the U.S. have already enacted right to farm legislation.

Report on Small Lot Industrial Development

In response to requests from industrial land users, the City of Burlington has undertaken a study of the need for small industrial lots in the municipality. The existing minimum lot size of 0.4 ha in industrial parks was said to be a constraint to attracting new small industries and to retaining existing users of small amounts of floor space seeking to move into their own properties in preference to moving into multi-use buildings.

The report concludes by recommending a change in policy to allow 0.2 ha lots in certain zones, with a 0.3 : 1 maximum floor area ratio. The report and recommendations have been circulated to the business community for comment.

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Gloucester G.I.S. Study

A study of the potential for implementation of a geographic information system (G.I.S.) in the City of Gloucester was started in November 1986 and has progressed to completion of Phase I. The city's functional organization and its resources were reviewed to identify potential G.I.S. applications for the improvement of city functions. Phase II is due for completion in January, 1988; it is to establish technical needs, undertake a cost-benefit analysis and recommend implementation strategy.

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Ottawa-Carleton's GRIS

The Region of Ottawa-Carleton initiated a geographically referenced information system project in May of 1987. A request for proposals for hardware and software has been circulated and a technical committee has been formed with representation from all 11 area municipalities. Common standards are being

developed for mapping and geographically-related products throughout the Region. The first issue of the Information Systems Department's quarterly newsletter, "**From the Underground Up**" is devoted entirely to an update on GRIS activities.

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NEWS FLASHES

● Highway Commercial Handbook

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is preparing a handbook to provide planners and other concerned individuals with a resource book which will help in assessing, planning and improving highway commercial areas. Since highway commercial areas create the first impression most people (investors or visitors) receive of a community, their appearance and continued economic health is critical. The handbook should be available to the public in the early part of 1988. It includes generalized design guidelines and contains a chapter on planning for change. The emphasis here is on planning for the highway commercial area as a whole, creating a plan and using the available planning tools to best advantage.

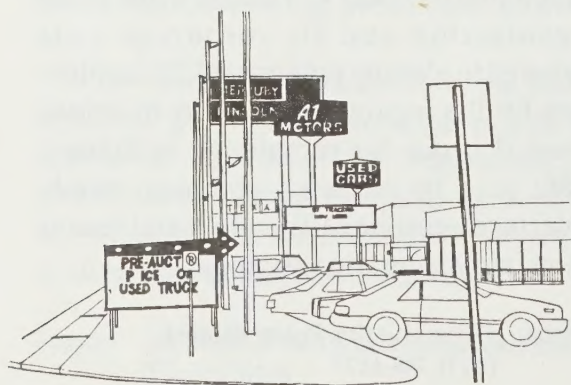
● Almost Human Computer has Fuzzy Logic and Fuzzy Memory

From Japan comes news of a prototype of a "sixth generation computer" that can process "vague linguistic input from humans".

The new computer was demonstrated recently at the Tokyo Congress of the [honest!] International Fuzzy System Association. It is based on a new type of computer logic called "fuzzy logic" designed to deal with the logic of human beings and it has a processing speed of 10 million FIPS (fuzzy inferences per second).

Fuzzy logic differs from conventional computer logic, based on the binary code, by representing data in terms of "grades of membership", ranging from 0.0 to 1.0. In contrast, the less sophisticated computers employed until now whose literalness has sometimes driven fuzzy humans up the wall, represents data in terms of 0 or 1, making it impossible to handle linguistic expressions such as "more" and "somewhat" without the use of complicated computer codes and large amounts of memory. The new fuzzy computer prototype consists of a fuzzy memory block, a set of inference engines, a MAX block, a defuzzifier and a control unit.

Source: Public Innovation Abroad, October 1987



● Home Occupations



The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has just completed a study of **home occupations**. It examines the phenomenon of working at home and the related planning issues. Stressing a local perspective, the report includes an overview of the Ontario experience based on a questionnaire survey and interviews with municipal staff. A review of the regulatory options provides the reader with a selection of approaches which can be adapted to suit local conditions.

The publication is available at a cost of \$5.00 from the Ontario Government Bookstore or by calling 1-800-268-7540.

For further information, contact Lou Spittal, Manager or Judy Zon, Senior Planner, Research and Special Projects Branch, Telephone: 416-585-6260/6252.

● Economic Development Bulletins

The University of Waterloo's Economic Development Program has initiated a series of bulletins on local and regional economic development. The first such bulletin is entitled "**A Framework for Local Initiatives in Economic Development**". Each bulletin is reviewed by a working professional; Mark Stagg, Economic Development Commissioner for the Parry Sound Area, played this role for the first bulletin.

The second bulletin is on "**Strategic Economic Planning and Economic Development**" and Bill Thompson, Kitchener's Commissioner of Business Development, was its reviewer. Bulletins cost \$8 and are obtainable from:

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● Changes in Residential Patterns will affect Downtowns

The middle-aged person living alone, or "empty-nester" is emerging as the prime market for downtown residential planning in the U.S. according to a recent article in Urban Outlook. Research indicates this group is displacing the "young urban professional" as the most significant downtown market segment. Demographic and socio-economic trends explain this phenomenon:

- middle-aged and older people are forming an increasing proportion of the total population.
- divorcees and people who have never married sustain the growth of single-person households.

- mature people are likely to have built up equity from prior earnings and home ownership.
- the above groups are often interested in switching to an urban setting.

Units aimed at this market are larger than units aimed at a young market and do not make do with minimal kitchen facilities. Access to parks and pedestrian activities is important, as well as shopping areas, restaurants and cultural activities. "Loft housing" is one innovative housing form designed to appeal to this segment of the market. The developer provides a large empty space with utilities and the buyer finishes it to personal specifications.

● Planning Technicians

The Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians (C.A.C.P.T.) has existed since 1978 and while it has had a low profile for the past couple of years, the Association is alive and well. One of the more important aspects of the Association is to provide a vehicle where members can share information and ideas with persons having similar responsibilities. A new executive was recently formed consisting of....

President:	Alex Galloway
Vice-President:	Paul Hodgins
Treasurer:	Roger Robitaille
Registrar:	Noreen Bristow
Secretary:	Tom Karidas
Executive Director:	Donna Madden

Persons interested in finding out more about the association should direct inquiries to C.A.C.P.T., P.O. Box 3844, Station "C", Hamilton, Ontario L8H 7R6

● Support for Zoning from an Unusual Source

The September, 1987 issue of **Zoning News** includes a reference to some research findings released by David Shulman of the U.S. investment firm of Salomon Brothers, Inc. In discussing real estate bond markets, he reports that many of the big institutional investors have sought to invest only in communities where local zoning laws have limited the amount of overbuilding. New buildings in these markets are often protected from excessive competition, and, because of this, builders enjoy high occupancy rates and are able to charge higher rents. According to Shulman, it is no coincidence that the best real estate markets, such as those in California and the Northeast, are where land use regulations are the most restrictive, and conversely, where there has been little or no regulation (e.g. in Texas, Arizona and areas of the Southeast), real estate markets are glutted.

● The Ultimate Traffic Congestion Remedy

In a recent article entitled "Traffic Congestion and Urban Growth Limitation Policies" published in Urban Land, Anthony Downs discussed the nature of the traffic problem and some short-run remedies before focusing on the ultimate remedies. He was pessimistic about the efficacy of any of the politically acceptable short-term remedies. In the very long run, he saw a movement of jobs outward toward the areas where most people live and beyond. "The long-run result will be even more sprawl". In the interim he proposed an ultimate remedy

that can be applied right away: learning to enjoy traffic congestion. "Get yourself a comfortable air-conditioned car with a stereo radio, a tape deck and a telephone, and commute daily with someone to whom you are **really** attracted. Then relax and enjoy this interlude in your busy day!" On a more serious note, Alan Pisarski noted in a subsequent article in the same publication that suburb-to-suburb has become the predominant U.S. commuting pattern. He reported that the growth of commuting is exceeding the growth of population. Even where population is declining, substantial increases in commuting have occurred.

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Until Jan. 31, 1988 - \$295.00

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April 1 to conference dates - \$375.00

Conference Audio Cassettes

All workshops and plenary sessions were recorded at the 1987 Ontario Planners' Conference. Audio cassettes are now available for purchase. The following two hour workshop cassettes cost \$18 (two 60 minute tapes) and the keynote addresses are available at \$9 each :

Agricultural Realities

The Adapting Organization

Managing BIA's

Geographic Information Systems

The Planner and the Community
Service is our Business
Tug Hill: The Circuit Rider Story
Private Sector Economic Development
Municipal Technology
Do Your \$ Decisions Make Sense?
Public-Private Partnerships
Programme Evaluation
Keynote Address : Hal Williams
Keynote Address : David K. Foot

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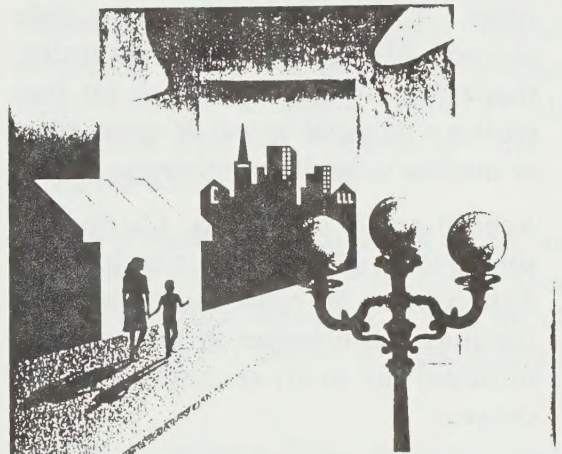
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Zoning codes are frequently characterized by builders and developers as unclear and imprecise. In response to such criticisms, planners have occasionally tried to spell out just a little too much detail. **Zoning News**, the newsletter of the American Planning Association, recently came up with some examples:

- * In Coral Gables, Florida, children's playhouses are required to be of concrete block stucco construction with tile roofing, and they must be screened by shrubbery so they are not visible from the street. The Coral Gables zoning code also prohibits the "possession, harboring, sheltering, or keeping of any cat that creates a nuisance by way of noise, odor, or menace to health or otherwise."
 - * According to the Davis, California, zoning code, clothes lines in multifamily districts must "be convenient to washing facilities and oriented so as to receive sufficient sun to dry clothes throughout the year."
 - * In Beverly Hills, California, signs are "limited to not more than three colors."
- * Each shade or blending of a color constitutes a separate color.
 - * The San Diego County zoning code requires homeowners raising earthworms to demonstrate that any odors and/or fly-breeding are not greater than customarily found at a well-maintained residence.
 - * The New York City zoning code limits "rabbit-killing establishments" to those zoning lots on which the retail sales of such rabbits occur.
 - * The Los Angeles zoning code specifically regulates blacksmith shops; cow, fish, and frog keeping; cooperage (i.e., the hand crafting of wooden tubs or casks); merry-go-rounds and pony-ride rings; the manufacture of sauerkraut; and taxi dance halls.
 - * The Baltimore County zoning code allows the zoning commissioner to grant variances from lot area and setback requirements for underground fallout shelters so long as these shelters are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and in harmony with the purposes of the zoning code.

PEOPLE



The Town of Fort Erie has hired its first Director of Planning. He is **Ron Rienas** who was with the Ministry and has been with the consulting firm of Miller, O'Dell and Paul for some years.

Malone, Given, Parsons Ltd. in Willowdale has three new senior associates: **James H. Kirk, Jeryl Jaque, and Mark Emmerson**. James is the former Deputy Planning Commissioner of the Town of Richmond Hill, and Mark was Manager of Urban Core Development for the New Brunswick Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. Jeryl is a specialist in commercial markets and the Ontario Municipal Board.

Michael Otis has left the City of Cornwall where he was Manager of Planning, to become Deputy Commissioner in Richmond Hill. Michael was with the City of Cornwall for 6 years, and before that worked in Saskatoon, Nova Scotia (for Municipal Affairs) and Markham.

In the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, **Joseph Phelan** has become Manager, Urban Policy. Joseph worked for 12 years as a planner in the Policy and Program Division. **Daniel Nixey**, who was replaced by Joseph, is now the Director of Research, Marketing Studies and Consulting for the Regional Group of Companies (formerly known as Regional Realty). Another former employee of the Region, **David Kardish**, has also joined the Regional Group of Companies this year. David left his position as Housing Coordinator in May to become the Regional Group's Director of Corporate Planning. **Pierre Marin**, who was with the Region for 11 years, left his position as Planner in the Plans Administration Division to become Chief, Policy and Standards in the Urban Land Management Division of the National Capital Commission.

Rick Brady left the Regional Municipality of Niagara and is currently a Senior Planner with Proctor and Redfern Ltd. in St. Catharines.

Nicholas Hill has moved from London, Ontario where he was an architect and planning consultant to New Brunswick. He is now doing community planning for the City of Saint John.

Leroy Grant, formerly an employee of Municipal Affairs, Housing, and Colleges and Universities, now has a Senior Policy Advisor position with the newly redesigned Corporate Policy Advisory Group, Ministry of Education.

Friends of **Bill McAdams**, former Planning Commissioner of Durham Region, will be interested to know he has recently moved from London to Guelph.

Bill Hollo, formerly Lambton County's Planning and Development Director, joined the City of North York as a Senior Long Range Planner.

The new Senior Planner with Cumming-Cockburn and Associates in Kingston is **Brent Barnes**. Brent was previously a Senior Planner with Strathcona County in Alberta.

Trenton's new City Planner and Zoning Administrator is **Charlie Murphy**, formerly employed in the City of Guelph planning department. Charlie replaces **Alex Herlovitch** who left Trenton to work in Niagara Falls.

Steve Lodge-Zaparnick has joined the Ministry's Community Renewal Branch. He comes from Manitoba, where he obtained a Master's degree in architecture in '86.

The Ministry's Plans Administration Branch welcomes several new staff. **Kim Taylor-MacColl**, formerly an independent consultant, was hired on a permanent part-time basis. Kim deals with the Middlesex Planning Area. The Parkway Belt West team have hired two staff on contract, **Heather Jamieson** and **John Marshall**. Heather was previously with the Ministry of the Environment, Central Region, and John worked in the Policy Division of the City of Burlington's Planning Department.

The new intermediate planner at Totten Sims Hubicki's Toronto office is **Deborah Wiley**. Deborah comes from the City of Mississauga where she spent two years in the Development Control Section. She was previously with the City of Cornwall.

The new community planner in the Ministry's Community Planning Advisory Branch, North East Region is **Maurice Cabana-Proulx**. Before joining the Ministry, Maurice worked for over three years as a Regional Consultant out of the Sudbury office of the old Ministry of Citizen-ship and Culture.

Durham Region has welcomed three new planning staff in the past six months. The new arrivals are **Jamie McEwan, Dan Kennaly, and Harold Dalkie**. Jamie comes from the Old Man River Regional Planning Commission, Dan from the Ausabale Bayfield Conservation Authority, and Harold from Manitoba. Harold's predecessor, **Jeff Mark** has moved on to become Director of the Transportation Services Branch in the Regional Municipality of York.

The new Director of Planning and Development at Quadrangle Ltd., a Toronto-based firm of architects and planners, is **Walter Yewchyn**. Walter spent seven years as the Director of Planning and Property Services for the City of Toronto Library Board, and before that was with the Ministry's Community Planning Advisory Branch in Sudbury.

Karen Wianecki has left the Ministry of Housing's Building Branch, to take a position with the Ministry of Natural Resources. She replaces **Pat Hardy** as Coordinator of Plan Input and Review in the Policy and Planning Secretariat. Pat has moved to Timmins.

The City of Scarborough Planning Department has hired **Robert Stephens** as the new Senior Planner/Urban Designer for the Design Division. Robert most recently worked in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Murray Chown has left UMA Engineering to join the staff at Terrace Investments Ltd. Murray was previously with the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

John Henricks is new to the Policy and Program Division of the City of Brantford. Before returning to his native Ontario, John was involved in policy and development control in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Bob Black is the Township of Woolwich's new Planning Director. Bob comes from the Town of Caledon where he was the Director of Planning and Industrial Development for 8 1/2 years.

The next issue of the Planning Supplement to Background is scheduled to appear in mid-April. If you have information for our "People" column, please call Pierre Beeckmans at (416) 585-6257 or drop him a line at

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